

WILLIAM NASH.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 765.]

JANUARY 9, 1857.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. SAPP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of certain officers of the army in behalf of Sergeant William Nash, respectfully report:

The committee call the attention of Congress to the memorial of the officers of the army, as follows :

To the honorable the House of Representatives:

We, your petitioners, respectfully represent: That First Sergeant William Nash, late of company B, 3d regiment of artillery, in an engagement with the Indians of southern Oregon, on the 26th of March last, was severely wounded, and is, in the opinion of examining surgeons, rendered thereby a cripple for life.

He, Sergeant Nash, was, at the time he received the wound, occupying an important and responsible position, usually assigned to commissioned officers, and was performing the duties of that position (the command of the rear guard) with care and humanity. Having fallen some distance behind the column, and dismounted from his mule, he was in the act of placing thereon an exhausted comrade, when he, the sergeant, was shot from an ambuscade. .

For these reasons, in consideration of the position occupied by the sergeant, the entire helplessness which has resulted to him from his wound, his generally meritorious conduct, and totally dependent family, we pray your honorable body to allow him, First Sergeant William Nash, a pension of thirty dollars per month, in addition to the eight dollars now allowed to private soldiers who may be rendered

unable to obtain their support, or to allow him such other additional pension as you in your wisdom may deem adequate.

GEO. NAUMAN,
Brevet Lieut. Colonel, Commanding 3d Artillery.
 W. W. MACKALL,
A. A. General.
 B. M. BYRNE,
Surgeon U. S. Army.
 E. O. C. ORD,
Captain 3d Artillery.
 D. R. JONES,
A. A. General.
 JAS. A. HARDIE,
First Lieut., Adjutant 3d Artillery.
 R. B. LEE,
C. S. and Major U. S. Army.
 O. CROSS,
Major and Quartermaster.
 GEO. P. ANDREWS,
Brevet Major U. S. A., First Lieut. 3d Artillery.
 JNO. S. MASON,
First Lieut. and R. Quartermaster, 3d Artillery.
 RICHARD ARNOLD,
First Lieut. 3d Artillery.
 E. VAN NESS,
Deputy Paymaster General.

BENICIA BARRACKS, CALIFORNIA,
 December 1, 1856.

The committee, in view of the evidence so conclusively established as to the merits of the claim of Sergeant Nash, and of the fact that he was performing a duty usually discharged by a commissioned officer, deem a private's pension as too small a consideration for the wound which he received and too bare a pittance to support him in his disability. They accordingly report a bill increasing his pension.